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SUBJ: US SUGAR IMPORTS FROM NON-ISA MEMBERS

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1. COMMISSION OFFICIAL FAWCETT IN SUGAR DIVISION CALLED
US TO INQUIRE ABOUT U.S. IMPORT SYSTEM FOR SUGAR,
PARTICULARLY REGARDING MEASURES USED BY U.S. TO ASSURE
THAT IMPORTS OF SUGAR FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES DO NOT
EXCEED LEVELS AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 57 OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA). FAWCETT SAID THAT EC IS
INTERESTED IN HOW U.S. SYSTEM WORKS BECAUSE EC ENVISIONS
PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA FOR REGULATING IMPORTS OF PREFER-
ENTIAL SUGAR SHOULD EC JOIN THE ISA. FAWCETT ALSO WANTED
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TO KNOW IF WE COULD TELL HIM THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF IMPORTS
THAT THE U.S. HAD DETERMINED WOULD BE ALLOWED FROM NON-
MEMBER COUNTRIES IN 1978.

2. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, THE EC IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF POSITIVE FINDING IN CURRENT CVD
INVESTIGATION RE SUBSIDIZED SALES OF EC SUGAR IN U.S.

SEVERAL OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT A POSSIBLE "WAY-OUT"
FOR BOTH THE EC AND THE U.S. WOULD BE TO PREVENT FURTHER
IMPORTS OF EC SUGAR THROUGH APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 57
OF ISA. EC OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT U.S. NOW APPROACHING
MAXIMUM LEVEL OF IMPORTS FROM NON-MEMBERS ALLOWABLE
UNDER SAID ARTICLE AND A BAN ON FURTHER IMPORTS OF EC
SUGAR WOULD SOLVE THE CVD PROBLEM FOR THE TIME BEING.
WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO OFFICIALS THAT WE SEE NO
CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CVD ISSUE AND IMPORT LIMITATIONS
UNDER ISA BUT THAT WE WOULD PASS EC THINKING ON THIS
MATTER ALONG TO WASHINGTON. HINTON

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